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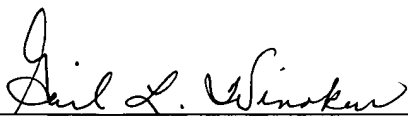
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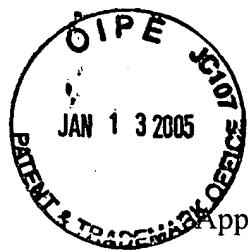
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In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2004, Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group III, claims 1-18, 23-25, 37 in part, drawn to a compound of formula I, not included in Group I or II, the composition and process of making.

Applicants make the election with traverse. Applicants object to the restriction based upon differentiating Ring B. Applicants believe that the most efficient prosecution of the present case will be accomplished by joining Groups I, II and III and making the restriction between composition and use. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner reconsider the restriction.

Taking by way of example the unity of invention as found for the invention in US Patent 5747486 (cited by the Applicants). The compounds of the general formula I in that patent which were found to be acceptable for unified prosecution, have similar core ring structures as were defined in the present application. The core common structural features of the invention are the Thienopyridine and a Fused Ring B.

As demonstrated by US Patent 5747486, a search conducted by the Office based upon such similar core features, was not unduly burdensome, and the existence of US Patent 5747486 will greatly assist in conducting a search in the present application. Applicant's proposed election defines a group which will allow for efficient, economical prosecution, without undue burden on the Examiner, that will give the applicants a an opportunity to pursue claims commensurate with the scope of their disclosure.

No amendment of inventorship is necessitated by this election.

Early allowance of the claims is requested. Should the Examiner believe that a conference with applicants' attorney would advance prosecution of this application, he is respectfully invited to call applicants' attorney at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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